

Finance Committee Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 602 PM, 10 February 2011

Meeting attendees are:

Rob Mullin

Linda Geyer

John Griffin

Carrie

Paul Wolcholm

Barbara Reynolds

Michael Gilberto

Allison McNamara

Jim Hustons

Joe Gibbons

Anne Conant

Sue

Gene Spickler

Robert Jackson

Kerry Colburn-Dion

Jackie Cronin

Chief

Rony Camille, Media Program Director

Deputy Chief Burrows

Joanne Schifres

Phil O'Brien

School Finance

Robert opened the meeting and introduction was completed. ---

Michael Gilberto. Updated everyone as to where we are for finances and where we are going. Discussed the Strategic Finance Planning Plan (SFPP)

The budget deficit is approximately – 1 Million to 1.2 Million Dollars. At the Mass Municipal Meeting details were made public for FY 12 and FY 13. Monies from the state are shorter because of the FEDERAL Money not being available for use.

In further detail, the Budget process started a bit later, the majority of budgets are in and the Finance Committee (FC) and the Schools will be announced on 15 Feb. 2011.

The Municipal , revenue source.

Property Tax will be increased in January 2012

Fees?

Cherry Sheet was released, reduction in local aid --- approx. 60K less.

Education Funding ---modest increase in Chapter 70 funding, offset by X, level funding ---

State Receipts:

1. Veteran Benefit Reimbursement---75 % following year.
  2. State continues to in REDUCTION in funding for Quinn Bill
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Rob:

Questions and Concerns --- For Saving Money---

Efforts to save monies collectively---not just from everyone.

1. Joanne Schifres
  - a. Four voting districts two
    - i. Elementary School and High School
      1. Schools will be closed, Professional Day. March 2012
      2. Savings on equipment.
      3. Local Election, 8 hours. Noon instead of 7 in the morning?
      4. Projection of new housing in town, e.g. Merrimack Landing, project savings \$1600 per election
2. Chief Madden:
  - a. (Linda Geyer, follow up)
  - b. Call Volume

3. Gene Spickler

- a. Spoke to Postage Savings---no mailings.

Appox. \$1000 Saving?

- b. Communities can set a Demand Fee, Excise Bills, Sewer Fees, It is 15.00 Dollars, can go to 30.00 Dollars, if the municipal wishes.

(Surrounding towns, comparable)

Anywhere from 12-14 K in additional revenue

Rob spoke to additional revenues:

1. Health Department ---Trash Fee ---?

Payroll:

Kerry

Bi weekly pay.

75 Percent, Direct Deposit, Require.

Still would be required to issue Seasonal Workers, Minimal  
Copy of Direct Deposit?

Fire Department:

Regional? Discussion

Ambulance---?

Police:

NEMLAC---Regional SWAT.

OT: Reserve e Officers --- 31 Hours.

Master Patrol

Cars: Six Cylinders Admin.

Library:

Consortiums

Robert Jackson:

Discussion on Cost and Revenue---where we at.

As Contract Negotiations and etc. Commence

Michael G and Linda G.:

Discussion of Core—where and what is next?

A final wrap was held and discussion led by Robert Mullin with the next meeting scheduled for 17 February, 2011.

Motion to adjourn at 9: 05 PM by Linda second by Ken

Submitted by Ken Times, III